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A I would think so; it's been done for years. Yes.

Q Was it done in the case of President Kennedy?

A I don't recall.

Q Would you perform any tests on the human residues?

A I wouldn't know. If it were done it would be done by some other Examiner.

Q What sort of tests might be performed on it?

A To determine if there were blood or other body tissues present.

Q Was that done in the case of President Kennedy's assassination?

A I don't recall whether it was or not.

Q How durable would those residues be?

A I don't know. You'd have to ask a blood chemist.

Q Were there in fact -- are -- you're familiar with Commission Exhibit 399, I believe?

A No, I'm not. Not by number.

MR. LE SAR: Mr. Johnson?

(Archivist hands object to witness; witness examines object.)

BY MR. LE SAR: (Resuming)

Q I show you Commission Exhibit 399, which is the bullet alleged to have struck President Kennedy in the neck and

then to have wounded Governor Connally.

Do you recall examining that bullet?

A Is it all right to pick it up and look at it?

Q Surely.

A Because I can't tell, otherwise.

(Witness examines object.)

Yes, I do; it has my initials on it.

Q Did you make an examination to determine whether or not that had any human residues?

A I don't recall whether we did or not.

Q If there had been human residues on it, could they have been significant?

A No, I don't think so. I would think it would have very little value as far as investigating whether or not a bullet had blood on it.

Q Well, assuming that the bullet had blood on it, couldn't the type of blood on it tell you something about what person or persons it had struck?

A Might have; I don't know -- I don't know whether it would have or not.

Q But you --

A It would depend on the amount of residue present.

Q You would want to test for that, in any event, to

find out whether or not you could make that determination?

A I don't -- I don't think it was important in this case. I don't -- if I recall, we didn't make any tests on this bullet for blood.

It seems to me I recall some testimony that the bullet was reasonably clean when we received it, and I didn't even recall whether we had had to further clean it in order to make a ballistics examination.

But other than that, I -- it's too hazy to go back and pick it out now.

Q Was any investigation made into the fact that the bullet had been wiped clean before it reached you?

A I have no idea.

Q Would you not consider it important to make that -- make that investigation?

A I can't answer that. I'm not a Field Investigator

Q Who ordinarily would have the responsibility of making that determination?

A I don't know.

Q Could the determination of whether or not there were human residues -- whether or not there was tissue or blood on that bullet, also be important in determining whether or not it had in fact struck a human body?